

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

4th BRIGADE, 1st ARMORED DIVISION Unit 20193, Box 0051 APO AE 09165

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Office of Commander

Welcome to 1st Armored Division (America's tank division) and the 4th Brigade, "IRON EAGLE". Congratulations on being selected to become a member of our team. We look forward to the professionalism, commitment to excellence, experience and leadership that you will bring to this Brigade.

The Brigade consists of over 1900 soldiers that are geographically dispersed serving in the Brigade Headquarters, 2-501st General Support Aviation Battalion and 127th Aviation Support Battalion at Fliegerhorst Kaserne, and the 3-58th Air Traffic Control and 5-158th General Support Aviation Battalion at Gieblestadt Kaserne. Each of our units has a long history of accomplishments and deployments, including Bosnia and Herzegovia, Kosovo and our recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Hanau community in which the Brigade headquarters is located has numerous activities and historic sites that you will be able to enjoy upon your arrival. Please visit the community website at www.hanau.army.mil for an in-depth look at all that our great community has to offer. You will be assigned a sponsor who will be in touch with you soon to assist you in making your transition to Germany a smooth one. Also, please feel free to also peruse the 1st Armored Division website at www.lad.army.mil for more detailed information regarding America's Tank Division.

The command team looks forward to meeting you and your family. If there is anything we can do to make your transition to Germany more efficient or assist your family in settling into a routine upon arrival, do not hesitate to let me know. My phone number, dialed from CONUS, is 011-49-6183-517693, DSN (314) 322-7693, or email robert.johnson@lad.army.mil.

We are a proud unit with OUTSTANDING officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted soldiers. I am sure you will feel right at home amongst these dedicated professionals. Have a great trip; we look forward to the safe arrival of you and your family.

IRON EAGLE!

ROBERT L. JOHNSON JR.

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